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California Recreational Regulations From 2000-2005 (Starting with Most Recent Year) CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS BY REGION, 2005

Key:

| | |
|--------|----------------------------|
| | Allowed in all waters |
| 20 | Depth closed > 20fm |
| 30 | Depth closed > 30fm |
| 40 | Depth closed > 40fm |
| 60 | Depth closed > 60fm |
| 20-40 | Depth open between 20-40fm |
| 30-60 | Depth open between 30-60fm |
| Closed | In-season closure |

NORTH COAST (CA/OR Border to 40° 10' N Lat)

North Coast 2005 (Effective January 1, 2005)

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish | | | | | | | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | | |
| Black rockfish ² | | | | | | | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | | |
| California sheephead | | | | | | | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | | |
| Cabazon | | | | | | | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | | |
| Greenlings (rock, kelp) | | | | | | | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | | |
| Ocean Whitefish | | | | | | | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | | |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | | | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | | |
| Lingcod | | | | | | | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | | |

North Coast 2005 (In-Season Change Effective April 15, 2005)

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish | | | | | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Black rockfish ² | | | | | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| California sheephead | | | | | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Cabazon | | | | | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | |
| Greenlings (rock, kelp) | | | | | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Ocean Whitefish | | | | | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Lingcod | | | | | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | |

NORTH-CENTRAL COAST 40° 10' N lat to Lopez Point (36° 00' N lat)

North-Central Coast 2005 (Effective January 1, 2005)

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish | | | | | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | |
| California scorpionfish | | | | | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | |
| California sheephead | | | | | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | |
| Cabazon | | | | | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | |
| Greenlings (rock, kelp) | | | | | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | |
| Ocean whitefish | | | | | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | |
| Lingcod | | | | | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | |
| Sanddabs | | | | | | | | | | | | |

North-Central Coast 2005 (In-Season Change Effective April 15, 2005)

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish | | | | | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| California scorpionfish | | | | | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| California sheephead | | | | | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Cabazon | | | | | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | |
| Greenlings (rock, kelp) | | | | | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Ocean whitefish | | | | | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Lingcod | | | | | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | |
| Sanddabs | | | | | | | | | | | | |

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS BY REGION, 2005

SOUTH-CENTRAL COAST

Lopez Point (36° 00' N lat) to Pt. Conception (34° 27' N lat)

South-Central Coast 2005 (Effective January 1, 2005)

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish | | | | | 20-40 | 20-40 | 20-40 | 20-40 | 20-40 | | | |
| California scorpionfish | | | | | 20-40 | 20-40 | 20-40 | 20-40 | 20-40 | | | |
| California sheephead | | | | | 20-40 | 20-40 | 20-40 | 20-40 | 20-40 | | | |
| Cabazon | | | | | 20-40 | 20-40 | 20-40 | 20-40 | 20-40 | | | |
| Greenlings | | | | | 20-40 | 20-40 | 20-40 | 20-40 | 20-40 | | | |
| Ocean Whitefish | | | | | 20-40 | 20-40 | 20-40 | 20-40 | 20-40 | | | |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | 20-40 | 20-40 | 20-40 | 20-40 | 20-40 | | | |
| Lingcod | | | | | 20-40 | 20-40 | 20-40 | 20-40 | 20-40 | | | |
| Sanddabs | | | | | | | | | | | | |

South-Central Coast 2005 (In-Season Change Effective April 15, 2005)

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish | | | | | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | | | |
| California scorpionfish | | | | | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | | | |
| California sheephead | | | | | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | | | |
| Cabazon | | | | | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | | | |
| Greenlings | | | | | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | | | |
| Ocean Whitefish | | | | | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | | | |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | | | |
| Lingcod | | | | | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | | | |
| Sanddabs | | | | | | | | | | | | |

SOUTH COAST

Pt. Conception (34° 27' N lat) to US/Mexico Border

South Coast 2005 (Effective January 1, 2005)

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish | | | 30-60 | 30-60 | 30-60 | 30-60 | 40 | 40 | 40 | | | |
| California scorpionfish | | | | | | | | | | 40 | 40 | 20 |
| California sheephead | | | 30-60 | 30-60 | 30-60 | 30-60 | 40 | 40 | 40 | | | |
| Cabazon | | | 30-60 | 30-60 | 30-60 | 30-60 | 40 | 40 | 40 | | | |
| Greenlings | | | 30-60 | 30-60 | 30-60 | 30-60 | 40 | 40 | 40 | | | |
| Ocean Whitefish | | | 30-60 | 30-60 | 30-60 | 30-60 | 40 | 40 | 40 | | | |
| Shelf rockfish | | | 30-60 | 30-60 | 30-60 | 30-60 | 40 | 40 | 40 | | | |
| Lingcod | | | | 30-60 | 30-60 | 30-60 | 40 | 40 | 40 | | | |
| Sanddabs | | | | | | | | | | | | |

South Coast 2005 (In-Season Change Effective April 15, 2005)

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish | | | 30-60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 30 | 30 | 60 | 60 |
| California scorpionfish | | | | | | | | | | 30 | 60 | 60 |
| California sheephead | | | 30-60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 30 | 30 | 60 | 60 |
| Cabazon | | | 30-60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 30 | 30 | 60 | |
| Greenlings | | | 30-60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 30 | 30 | 60 | 60 |
| Ocean Whitefish | | | 30-60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 30 | 30 | 60 | 60 |
| Shelf rockfish | | | 30-60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 30 | 30 | 60 | 60 |
| Lingcod | | | | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 30 | 30 | 60 | |
| Sanddabs | | | | | | | | | | | | |

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS BY REGION, 2004

Key:

| | |
|--------|-----------------------|
| | Allowed in all waters |
| 30 fm | Depth closed > 30fm |
| Closed | In-season closure |

NORTH COAST CA/OR Border to 40° 10' N lat - Effective Jan 1, 2004

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish ¹ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Black RF | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California sheephead | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabazon | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greenlings (rock, kelp) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ocean Whitefish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shelf rockfish ² | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lingcod ³ | | | | | | | | | | | | |

1. Nearshore rockfishes are defined as black rockfish, black-and-yellow rockfish, blue rockfish, brown rockfish, calico rockfish, China rockfish, copper rockfish, gopher rockfish, grass rockfish, kelp rockfish, olive rockfish, quillback rockfish, and treefish.

2. Shelf rockfish include bocaccio, canary, cowcod, widow, yelloweye, yellowtail, shortbelly, bronzespotted chameleon, chilipepper, dwarf-red, flag, freckled, greenblotched, greenspotted, greenstriped, halfbanded, honeycomb, Mexican, pink, pinkrose, pygmy, redstripe, rosethorn, rosy, silvergrey, speckled, squarespot, starry, stripetail, swordspine, tiger, and vermilion rockfish. Note that the retention of canary, yelloweye, and cowcod rockfish is prohibited.

3. Lingcod had a 2 fish bag limit and 24 inch minimum size.

North Coast Inseason Change: March 2004

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Black rockfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California sheephead | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabazon | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greenlings (rock, kelp) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ocean whitefish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lingcod ¹ | | | | | | | | | | | | |

1. Lingcod bag limit decreased from 2 fish to 1 fish and increased minimum size from 24 to 30 inches effective April 1. Lingcod closed statewide from November to December.

North Coast Inseason Change: April 2004¹

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish | | | | | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Black rockfish ² | | | | | | 30 | 30 | 30 | | | | |
| California sheephead | | | | | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Cabazon | | | | | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Greenlings (rock, kelp) | | | | | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Ocean Whitefish | | | | | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Lingcod | | | | | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | | |

1. Depth closure implemented > 30 fm May to December.

2. Black rockfish – 0 fish bag limit May, and September to December.

CA RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS BY REGION, 2004

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| 30 fm | Depth closed > 30fm |
| | Closed |
| | In-season closure |

NORTH-CENTRAL COAST 40° 10' N lat to Lopez Point (36° 00' N lat) - Effective Jan 1, 2004

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish ¹ | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| California scorpionfish | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| California sheephead | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Cabezon | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Greenlings | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Ocean Whitefish | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Shelf rockfish | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Lingcod ² | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Sanddabs | | | | | | | | | | | | |

1. Nearshore rockfish are defined as black rockfish, black-and-yellow rockfish, blue rockfish, brown rockfish, calico rockfish, China rockfish, copper rockfish, gopher rockfish, grass rockfish, kelp rockfish, olive rockfish, quillback rockfish, and treefish.

2. Shelf rockfish include bocaccio, canary, cowcod, widow, yelloweye, yellowtail, shortbelly, bronzespotted chameleon, chilipepper, dwarf-red, flag, freckled, greenblotched, greenspotted, greenstriped, halfbanded, honeycomb, Mexican, pink, pinkrose, pygmy, restripe, rosethorn, rosy, silvergrey, speckled, squarespot, starry, stripetail, swordspine, tiger, and vermilion rockfish. Note that the retention of canary, yelloweye, and cowcod rockfish is prohibited.

2. Lingcod had a 2 fish bag limit and 24 inch minimum size.

North-Central Coast Inseason Change: March 2004

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| California scorpionfish | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| California sheephead | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Cabezon | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Greenlings | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Ocean Whitefish | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Shelf rockfish | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Lingcod ¹ | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | | |
| Sanddabs | | | | | | | | | | | | |

1. Lingcod bag limit decreased from 2 fish to 1 fish and increased minimum size from 24 to 30 inches effective April 1. Lingcod closed statewide from November to December.

North-Central Coast Inseason Change: April 2004¹

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish | 30 | 30 | | | | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | | |
| California scorpionfish | 30 | 30 | | | | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | | |
| California sheephead | 30 | 30 | | | | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | | |
| Cabezon | 30 | 30 | | | | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | | |
| Greenlings (rock, kelp) | 30 | 30 | | | | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | | |
| Ocean whitefish | 30 | 30 | | | | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | | |
| Shelf rockfish | 30 | 30 | | | | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | | |
| Lingcod | 30 | 30 | | | | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | | |
| Sanddabs | | | | | | | | | | | | |

1. May to July, November to December closed; shore-based anglers and divers exempted from closure. Depth closure implemented >20 fm September to October.

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SOUTH-CENTRAL COAST Lopez Point (36° 00' N lat) to Pt. Conception (34° 27' N lat) - Effective Jan 1, 2004

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish ¹ | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| California scorpionfish | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| California sheephead | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Cabezon | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Greenlings | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Ocean Whitefish | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Shelf rockfish ² | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Lingcod ³ | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Sanddabs | | | | | | | | | | | | |

1. Nearshore rockfish are defined as black rockfish, black-and-yellow rockfish, blue rockfish, brown rockfish, calico rockfish, China rockfish, copper rockfish, gopher rockfish, grass rockfish, kelp rockfish, olive rockfish, quillback rockfish, and treefish.

2. Shelf rockfish include bocaccio, canary, cowcod, widow, yelloweye, yellowtail, shortbelly, bronzespotted chameleon, chilipepper, dwarf-red, flag, freckled, greenblotched, greenspotted, greenstriped, halfbanded, honeycomb, Mexican, pink, pinkrose, pygmy, restripe, rosethorn, rosy, silvergrey, speckled, squarespot, starry, stripetail, swordspine, tiger, and vermilion rockfish. Note that the retention of canary, yelloweye, and cowcod rockfish is prohibited.

3. Lingcod had a 2 fish bag limit and 24 inch minimum size.

South-Central Coast Inseason Change: March 2004

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|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| California scorpionfish | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| California sheephead | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Cabezon | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Greenlings | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Ocean Whitefish | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Shelf rockfish | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Lingcod ¹ | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | | |
| Sanddabs | | | | | | | | | | | | |

1. Lingcod bag limit decreased from 2 fish to 1 fish and increased minimum size from 24 to 30 inches effective April 1. Lingcod closed statewide from November to December.

South-Central Coast Inseason Change: April 2004¹

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| California scorpionfish | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| California sheephead | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Cabezon | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Greenlings | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Ocean Whitefish | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Shelf rockfish | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Lingcod | 30 | 30 | | | 20 | 20 | | 20 | 20 | 20 | | |
| Sanddabs | | | | | | | | | | | | |

1. July closed; shore-based anglers and divers exempted from closure. Depth closure implemented >20 fm September to December.

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SOUTH COAST Pt. Conception (34° 27' N lat) to US/Mexico Border - Effective Jan 1, 2004

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish ¹ | | | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 |
| California scorpionfish | | | 60 | 60 | | | | | | | 60 | 60 |
| California sheephead | | | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 |
| Cabezon | | | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 |
| Greenlings | | | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 |
| Ocean Whitefish | | | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 |
| Shelf rockfish ² | | | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 |
| Lingcod ³ | | | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 |
| Sanddabs | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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3. Lingcod had a 2 fish bag limit and 24 inch minimum size.

South Coast Inseason Change: March 2004

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish | | | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 |
| California scorpionfish | | | 60 | 60 | | | | | | | 60 | 60 |
| California sheephead | | | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 |
| Cabezon | | | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 |
| Greenlings (rock, kelp) | | | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 |
| Ocean whitefish | | | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 |
| Shelf rockfish | | | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 |
| Lingcod ¹ | | | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | | |
| Sanddabs | | | | | | | | | | | | |

1. Lingcod bag limit decreased from 2 fish to 1 fish and increased minimum size from 24 to 30 inches effective April 1. Lingcod closed statewide from November to December.

South Coast Inseason Change: April 2004¹

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish | | | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 30 | 30 | 60 | 60 |
| California scorpionfish | | | 60 | 60 | | | | | | | 60 | 60 |
| California sheephead | | | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 30 | 30 | 60 | 60 |
| Cabezon | | | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 30 | 30 | 60 | 60 |
| Greenlings | | | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 30 | 30 | 60 | 60 |
| Ocean Whitefish | | | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 30 | 30 | 60 | 60 |
| Shelf rockfish | | | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 30 | 30 | 60 | 60 |
| Lingcod | | | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 30 | 30 | | |
| Sanddabs | | | | | | | | | | | | |

1. Depth closure implemented >30 fm September to October.

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATORY HISTORY, 2003^{1, 2, 3, 4}

NORTH COAST California/Oregon Border to near Cape Mendocino (40° 10' N) - **INITIAL**

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish ¹ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California scorpionfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California sheephead | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabazon | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greenlings | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ocean Whitefish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lingcod | | | | | | | | | | | | |

YEAR-IN-REVIEW

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish ¹ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California scorpionfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California sheephead | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabazon | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greenlings (rock, kelp) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ocean whitefish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lingcod | | | | | | | | | | | | |

CENTRAL COAST Cape Mendocino (40° 10' N) to Point Conception (34° 27' N) - **INITIAL**

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Nearshore rockfish ¹ | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| California scorpionfish | < 20fm | < 20fm | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| California sheephead | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabazon | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| Greenlings | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| Ocean Whitefish | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| Lingcod | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm |

YEAR-IN-REVIEW

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Nearshore rockfish ¹ | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | |
| California scorpionfish | < 20fm | < 20fm | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | |
| California sheephead | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabazon | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | | | |
| Greenlings (rock, kelp) | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | | | |
| Ocean whitefish | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | |
| Lingcod | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | |

SOUTH COAST Point Conception (34° 27' N) to the U.S./Mexico border - **INITIAL**

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------------|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Nearshore rockfish ¹ | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| California scorpionfish | < 20fm | < 20fm | | | | | <20fm ² | <20fm ² | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| California sheephead | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabazon | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| Greenlings | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| Ocean Whitefish | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| Lingcod | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm |

YEAR-IN-REVIEW

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Nearshore rockfish ¹ | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 30fm | < 30fm | < 30fm | |
| California scorpionfish | < 20fm | < 20fm | | | | | <20fm | <20fm | < 30fm | < 30fm | < 30fm | |
| California sheephead | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabazon | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 30fm | | | |
| Greenlings (rock, kelp) | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 30fm | | | |
| Ocean whitefish | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 30fm | < 30fm | < 30fm | < 30fm |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 30fm | < 30fm | < 30fm | |
| Lingcod | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 30fm | < 30fm | < 30fm | |

Key

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|--------|-------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| | Allowed in all waters | | |
| < 20fm | Allowed only in waters < 20fm | | |
| | Closed | | In-season closure |

Notes for 2003:

1. Nearshore rockfish are defined as black rockfish, black-and-yellow rockfish, blue rockfish, brown rockfish, calico rockfish, China rockfish, copper rockfish, gopher rockfish, grass rockfish, kelp rockfish, olive rockfish, quillback rockfish, and treefish.
2. In 2003, fishing for California scorpionfish was allowed in < 50fm during July and August, only in the area of Huntington Flats, as defined by California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 27.82(d). 7.
3. Emergency Fishing Closure for cabezon, greenlings, and California sheephead to all recreational take in all waters at all depths went into effect October 8.
4. The Emergency Sport Fishing Closure for nearshore rockfishes, California scorpionfish, shelf rockfishes, and lingcod went into effect December 8.

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATORY HISTORY, 2002^{1, 2, 3}

NORTH COAST California/Oregon Border to near Cape Mendocino (40° 10' N) – INITIAL

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish ¹ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California scorpionfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California sheephead | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabazon | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greenlings | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ocean Whitefish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lingcod | | | | | | | | | | | | |

YEAR-IN-REVIEW²

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish ¹ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California scorpionfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California sheephead | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabazon | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greenlings (rock, kelp) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ocean whitefish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lingcod | | | | | | | | | | | | |

CENTRAL COAST Cape Mendocino (40° 10' N) to Point Conception (34° 27' N) - INITIAL

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|--------|------|-----|--------|--------|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | | |
| California scorpionfish | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | | |
| California sheephead | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabazon | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greenlings | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ocean Whitefish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | | |
| Lingcod | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | | |

YEAR-IN-REVIEW

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Nearshore rockfish | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | | |
| California scorpionfish | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | | |
| California sheephead | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabazon | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greenlings (rock, kelp) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ocean whitefish | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | <20fm* | <20fm* | <20fm* | <20fm* | <20fm* | <20fm* | | |
| Lingcod | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | | |

SOUTH COAST Point Conception (34° 27' N) to the U.S./Mexico border*** - INITIAL

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California scorpionfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California sheephead | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabazon | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greenlings | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ocean Whitefish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lingcod | | | | | | | | | | | | |

YEAR-IN-REVIEW

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Nearshore rockfish | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | | |
| California scorpionfish | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | | |
| California sheephead | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabazon | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greenlings (rock, kelp) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ocean whitefish | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | | | <20fm* | <20fm* | <20fm* | <20fm* | | |
| Lingcod | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | | |

Key

| | | | |
|--------|-------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| | Allowed in all waters | | |
| < 20fm | Allowed only in waters < 20fm | | |
| | Closed | | In-season closure |

Notes for 2002:

1. All closures in 2002 do not apply to shore based anglers, or spearfishing from shore or a man-made structure.
2. In 2002, Emergency Sport Fishing Closure dates were July 1 (greenlings), July 29 (cabezon), and November 1 (California sheephead).
3. The Emergency Sport Fishing Closure for shelf rockfishes, lingcod, scorpionfish, and ocean whitefish went into effect July 1. Nearshore fishing was still allowed in < 20 fathoms for nearshore rockfishes, California scorpionfish and ocean whitefish. There was a special allowance for two shelf rockfish ONLY if taken incidental to nearshore fishing in < 20 fathoms EXCLUDING bocaccio, canary, cowcod, and yelloweye rockfish which could not be taken.

***** Management region boundaries changed January 10, 2002.**

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATORY HISTORY, 2001^{1, 2, 3, 4}

NORTH COAST California/Oregon Border to Cape Mendocino (40° 10' N) -INITIAL

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish ¹ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California scorpionfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California sheephead | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabazon | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greenlings | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ocean Whitefish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lingcod | | | | | | | | | | | | |

YEAR-IN-REVIEW

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish ¹ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California scorpionfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California sheephead | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabazon | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greenlings (rock, kelp) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ocean whitefish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lingcod | | | | | | | | | | | | |

CENTRAL COAST Cape Mendocino (40° 10' N) to Point Conception (34° 27' N)* - INITIAL**

| Species | Jan*** | Feb*** | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|--------|--------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish ¹ | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | | | | | | |
| California scorpionfish | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | | | | | | |
| California sheephead | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabazon | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greenlings | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ocean Whitefish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lingcod | | | | | | | | | | | | |

YEAR-IN-REVIEW

| Species | Jan*** | Feb*** | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|--------|--------|------|-----|-----|-----|--------|--------|
| Nearshore rockfish ¹ | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| California scorpionfish | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| California sheephead | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabazon | | | | | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| Greenlings (rock, kelp) | | | | | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| Ocean whitefish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lingcod | | | | | | | | | | | | |

SOUTH COAST Point Conception (34° 27' N) to the U.S./Mexico border* - INITIAL**

| Species | Jan*** | Feb*** | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish ¹ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California scorpionfish | < 20fm | < 20fm | | | | | | | | | | |
| California sheephead | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabazon | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greenlings | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ocean Whitefish | < 20fm | < 20fm | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lingcod | | | | | | | | | | | | |

YEAR-IN-REVIEW

| Species | Jan*** | Feb*** | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|--------|--------|
| Nearshore rockfish ¹ | | | | | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| California scorpionfish | < 20fm | < 20fm | | | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| California sheephead | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabazon | | | | | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| Greenlings (rock, kelp) | | | | | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| Ocean whitefish | < 20fm | < 20fm | | | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lingcod | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Key

| | |
|--------|-------------------------------|
| | Allowed in all waters |
| < 20fm | Allowed only in waters < 20fm |
| Closed | In-season closure |

Notes for 2001:

1. Nearshore rockfish are defined as black rockfish, black-and-yellow rockfish, blue rockfish, brown rockfish, calico rockfish, China rockfish, copper rockfish, gopher rockfish, grass rockfish, kelp rockfish, olive rockfish, quillback rockfish, and treefish.
2. Emergency action was taken by the Commission in order to conform to Federal Regulations.
3. Rockfish and lingcod closures did not apply to shore-based anglers.
4. In 2001, the Emergency Sport Fishing Closure went into effect October 29 and prohibited angling for shelf and slope rockfishes and lingcod. Possession of these fishes was prohibited in state waters. In waters less than 20 fathoms, fishing for nearshore rockfishes, California scorpionfish, cabezon, and greenlings continued to be permitted (including waters less than 20 fathoms around offshore rocks and islands). Fishing for California sheephead continued to be permitted in all waters except the Cowcod Conservation Areas.

***** On January 1, 2000 the California Fish and Game Commission adopted regulations to be effective through 2002 that closed lingcod and nearshore and shelf rockfishes as follows: south of Lopez Point to the Mexico border Jan. - Feb.; and north of Lopez Point to Cape Mendocino Mar. - Apr. New regulations that superceded the regulations adopted January 1, 2000 went into effect Mar. 5, 2001. These new regulations included a different regional management boundary between the central and southern management areas – Point Conception instead of Lopez Point. Because of the delay in implementation (March instead of January), the area between Lopez Point and Point Conception was closed from Jan. 1 - Feb. 28, 2001 (as part of the southern area under the 2000 regulations). This area then was open to fishing from March 1- 4, 2001 (as part of the 2000 open fishing period for the southern area). However, once the 2001 regulations took affect on Mar. 5, 2001, this section of coast was closed again from Mar. 5 – Apr. 30 (as part of the central area under the 2001 regulations).**

COWCOD CONSERVATION AREAS, CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATORY HISTORY, 2001-2003^{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}

Cowcod Conservation Areas (CCAs) are two areas south of Point Conception (34° 27' N)
and are Defined in California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 27.82(a)

2001 Recreational Regulations - YEAR-IN-REVIEW (CCA created in 2001)²

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Nearshore rockfish ¹ | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| California scorpionfish | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| California sheephead | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| Cabazon | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| Greenlings | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| Ocean Whitefish | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| Shelf rockfish | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | | |
| Lingcod | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | | |

2002 Recreational Regulations – YEAR-IN-REVIEW^{3,4}

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Nearshore rockfish ¹ | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | | |
| California scorpionfish | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | | |
| California sheephead | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | | |
| Cabazon | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | | | | | |
| Greenlings | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | | | | | | |
| Ocean Whitefish | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| Shelf rockfish | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | | |
| Lingcod | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | | |

2003 Recreational Regulations – YEAR-IN-REVIEW⁵

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Nearshore rockfish ¹ | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | |
| California scorpionfish | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | |
| California sheephead | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | | | |
| Cabazon | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | | | |
| Greenlings | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | | | |
| Ocean Whitefish | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | |
| Lingcod | | | | | | | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | < 20fm | |

Key:

| | |
|--------|-------------------------------|
| | Allowed in all waters |
| < 20fm | Allowed only in waters < 20fm |
| | Closed |

Notes for Cowcod Conservation Area, 2001 to 2003:

- Nearshore rockfish are defined as black rockfish, black-and-yellow rockfish, blue rockfish, brown rockfish, calico rockfish, China rockfish, copper rockfish, gopher rockfish, grass rockfish, kelp rockfish, olive rockfish, quillback rockfish, and treefish, as defined by California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 1.90.
- In 2001, the Emergency Sport Fishing Closure went into effect October 29 and prohibited angling for shelf and slope rockfishes and lingcod. Possession of these fishes was prohibited in state waters. In waters less than 20 fathoms, fishing for nearshore rockfishes, California scorpionfish, cabazon, and greenlings continued to be permitted (including waters less than 20 fathoms around offshore rocks and islands). Fishing for California sheephead continued to be permitted in all waters except the Cowcod Conservation Areas.
- In 2002, Emergency Sport Fishing Closure dates were July 1 (greenlings), July 29 (cabazon), and November 1 (California sheephead).
- The Emergency Sport Fishing Closure for shelf rockfishes, lingcod, scorpionfish, and ocean whitefish went into effect July 1. Nearshore fishing was still allowed in < 20 fathoms for nearshore rockfishes, California scorpionfish and ocean whitefish. There was a special allowance for two shelf rockfish ONLY if taken incidental to nearshore fishing in < 20 fathoms EXCLUDING bocaccio, canary, cowcod, and yelloweye rockfish which could not be taken.
- In 2003, Emergency Fishing Closure for cabazon, greenlings, and California sheephead to all recreational take in all waters at all depths went into effect October 8.
- In 2003, the Emergency Sport Fishing Closure for nearshore rockfishes, California scorpionfish, shelf rockfish, and lingcod went into effect December 8.

CALIFORNIA RECREATIONAL REGULATORY HISTORY, 2000^{1, 2, 3}

NORTH COAST California/Oregon Border to Cape Mendocino (40° 10' N) – INITIAL

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California scorpionfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California sheephead | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabazon | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greenlings | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ocean Whitefish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lingcod | | | | | | | | | | | | |

YEAR-IN-REVIEW

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish ¹ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California scorpionfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California sheephead | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabazon | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greenlings (rock, kelp) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ocean whitefish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lingcod ² | | | | | | | | | | | | |

CENTRAL COAST Cape Mendocino (40° 10' N) to Lopez Point (36° 00' N) - INITIAL

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California scorpionfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California sheephead | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabazon | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greenlings | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ocean Whitefish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lingcod | | | | | | | | | | | | |

YEAR-IN-REVIEW

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California scorpionfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California sheephead | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabazon | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greenlings (rock, kelp) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ocean whitefish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lingcod | | | | | | | | | | | | |

SOUTH COAST Lopez Point (36° 00' N) to US/Mexico Border - INITIAL

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish ¹ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California scorpionfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California sheephead | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabazon | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greenlings | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ocean Whitefish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lingcod | | | | | | | | | | | | |

YEAR-IN-REVIEW

| Species | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nearshore rockfish ¹ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California scorpionfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| California sheephead | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabazon | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greenlings (rock, kelp) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ocean whitefish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shelf rockfish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lingcod | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Key

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|--------|-------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| | Allowed in all waters | | |
| < 20fm | Allowed only in waters < 20fm | | |
| | Closed | | In-season closure |

Notes for 2000:

1. Nearshore rockfish are defined as black rockfish, black-and-yellow rockfish, blue rockfish, brown rockfish, calico rockfish, China rockfish, copper rockfish, gopher rockfish, grass rockfish, kelp rockfish, olive rockfish, quillback rockfish, and treefish.
2. Closures did not apply to shore-based anglers.
3. Emergency closure for lingcod for November and December 2000 was statewide.

RECREATIONAL REGULATORY HISTORY OF GEAR RESTRICTIONS, SIZE LIMITS, AND DAILY BAG LIMITS, 1999-2003

| Year | Gear, 1999-2003 |
|-----------|---|
| 1999-2000 | Not more than three hooks and one line. |
| 2001-2003 | Not more than two hooks and one line. |

| Recreational Size Limits (total length), 1999-2003 | | | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Species | Year | | | | |
| | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 |
| Bocaccio | ----- | 10 in. (25.4 cm) | 10 in. (25.4 cm) | 10 in. (25.4 cm) | 10 in. (25.4 cm) |
| Cabazon | ----- | 14 in. (35.6 cm) | 15 in. (38.1 cm) | 15 in. (38.1 cm) | 15 in. (38.1 cm) |
| California scorpionfish | ----- | 10 in. (25.4 cm) | 10 in. (25.4 cm) | 10 in. (25.4 cm) | 10 in. (25.4 cm) |
| California sheephead | ----- | ----- | 12 in. (30.5 cm) | 12 in. (30.5 cm) | 12 in. (30.5 cm) |
| Greenlings | ----- | 12 in. (30.5 cm) | 12 in. (30.5 cm) | 12 in. (30.5 cm) | 12 in. (30.5 cm) |
| Lingcod | 24 in. (61.0 cm) | 26 in. (66.0 cm) | 26 in. (66.0 cm) | 24 in. (61.0 cm) | 24 in. (61.0 cm) |

| Recreational Daily Bag Limits, 1999-2003 | | | | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|---------|----------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Species/Species Group | Year | | | | | |
| | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | |
| | Regional Area: | | | | North ^{1,2} | Central/South ^{1,2} |
| California scorpionfish | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 5 | |
| California sheephead | 10 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 5 | |
| Lingcod | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | |
| Ocean whitefish | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | |
| Rockfish, General | 15 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | |
| <i>cowcod</i> | 15 | 1 ³ | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| <i>bocaccio</i> | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| <i>canary</i> | 15 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| <i>yelloweye</i> | 15 | 10 | 10 | 1 ³ | 1 ³ | 0 |
| <i>nearshore</i> | 15 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 2 |
| Cabazon | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 3 |
| Greenlings | 10 each | 10 each | 10 each | 10 each | 10 each | 2 |

Notes:

1. The Rockfish Cabazon Greenling (RCG) complex exists south of a line near Cape Mendocino (40°10' N. lat.) and has an overall bag limit of 10 fish with the following sub-limits: 2 shallow nearshore rockfish in any combination, including black-and-yellow, China, grass, gopher, and kelp rockfish; limit 3 cabazon; limit 2 greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos*.
2. Different limits apply in the Northern Region (from California-Oregon border to a line near Cape Mendocino (40°10' N. lat.) than the Central and Southern Regions (including waters near Cape Mendocino (40° 10' N. lat.) to the California-Mexico border) for bocaccio, canary, and yelloweye rockfish.
3. A boat limit of not more than 2 fish per boat also applies.